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SUBJECT: CONGRESS PRESIDENT BAROOAH CRITICIZES OPPOSITION AND
HINTS AT CIA INVOLVEMENT IN INDIAN POLITICS

1. ADDRESSING YOUTH CONGRESS LEADERS IN NEW DELHI ON JULY 1, CONGRESS PRESIDENT BAROOAH IS REPORTED BY THE INDIAN WIRE SERVICES AS STATING THAT THE OPPOSITION IN INDIA WITH THE SUPPORT OF REACTIONARIES AT HOME AND ABROAD WERE DETERMINED TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY IN INDIA. HE ATTACKED THE OPPOSITION FOR ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE A MASSIVE COUNTRY-WIDE MOVEMENT ON THE LINES OF THE GUJARAT AND BIHAR AGITATIONS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SPARKING A "PROCESS OF DISINTEGRATION" IN THE COUNTRY. HE ACCUSED THE RSS AND ANAND MARG OF MURDERING RAILWAY MINISTER L. N. MISHRA (THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN THIS DIRECT CHARGE) AND ATTEMPTING TO ASSASSINATE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA. HE CLAIMED THAT IT WAS THE DUTY OF LOVERS OF DEMOCRACY TO "STRIKE FAST AND THAT IS WHY WE STRUCK FIRST TO UPHOLD DEMOCRACY IN THIS COUNTRY. WE HAVE DONE NOTHING MORE OR NOTHING LESS THAN THAT." THE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE, HE STATED, "ARE STUNNED." WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO REGROUP OR RECREATE THEIR STRENGTH."

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2. IN HIS ADDRESS, BAROOAH CAUTIONED HIS AUDIENCE AGAINST EXTERNAL FORCES ATTEMPTING TO FOMENT A BIG UPHEAVAL IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OPPOSITION. IN THIS CONTEXT, UNI REPORTS HIM AS STATING THAT ONLY THOSE IN A FOOL'S PARADISE BELIEVE THAT THE CIA COULD NOT FUNCTION IN INDIA WHEN IT COULD FUNCTION IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

3. COMMENT: NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS REPORT RAN ON THE WIRES ONLY AFTER PASSING CENSORSHIP.
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